

MINUTES

of the Ad Hoc Committee on Best Practices in Northampton Decision Making of February 25, 2009. The meeting was held in the Hearing Room at City Hall. Present were Lisa DePiano, Jim Palermo, David Narkewicz, Michael Bardsley, Bob Reckman, Wendy Foxmyn and Alex Ghiselin. The meeting began at 4:30 PM.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM. Lisa DePiano served as our facilitator.

The minutes of our meeting of Feb. 18 were approved.

We discussed the proposed language for implementation that we discussed at our last meeting. David Narkewicz and Wendy Foxmyn had drafted language based on the discussion. The new language was approved.

We reviewed the synopsis of the Jan. 5 meeting prepared by Alex Ghiselin. We made some changes to the language and approved the revised document.

We discussed the op-ed piece that Wendy and Bob had prepared. We agreed that Bob would work out a way to combine the last paragraph of the op-ed with the last paragraph of the new language that David had drafted for our final report. Bob will circulate the new language to the committee and will submit the document to the Gazette. We hope that they will run it on March 5 or 6.

We talked about what should happen at the City Council meeting on March 5. We agreed that David would get the electronic copy to Mary Midura by noon on Friday. We will produce printed copies of the final report and distribute them to the Council at the meeting. The cover will be a new color. Lisa and Alex will make the presentation. They will describe what has happened since our draft report was submitted. They will also cite the language the David drafted and that we approved earlier in this meeting and thank the groups who helped complete our work. We hope that the City Council will move that night to act. We will speak to Jim Dostal about what he will suggest after receiving the report.

After a flurry of self-congratulation, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15.

Respectfully submitted;

Bob Reckman